**Argument Essay**

Develop an argument that explains which of the models that contributed to the concept of constituent accountability—trustee, delegate, or politico best achieves the goals of a representative democracy in terms of how an elected representative is responsible to his or her constituents.

In your essay, you must:

* Articulate a defensible claim or thesis that responds to the prompt and establishes a line of reasoning
* Support your claim with at least TWO pieces of accurate and relevant information:
* At least ONE piece of information must be from the following foundational documents:
  + Federalist No. 10
  + Declaration of Independence
  + U.S. Constitution
* Use a second piece of evidence from the other document in the list above or form your study of the manner in which the government carries out its functions.
* Use reasoning to explain why your evidence supports your claim/thesis
* Address opposing or alternative perspectives through refutation, concession, and rebuttal

Key:

Delegate – Vote how the people in their home state want them to

Trustee – Vote based on his or her own judgment

Politico – Combination of both Delegate and Trustee model. Tries to make everyone happy.

Federalist 10 – Faction controlled with large republic

Declaration – unalienable rights life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Limited government/popular sovereignty

Constitution – describes the House and it’s members being accountable to those who elected them through reelection.